

STAAR Alternate 2 Grade 8 Social Studies Blueprint

Social Studies Skills is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 30% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	
Reporting Category 1: History	Readiness Standards	15	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	21		
	Total	36		
Reporting Category 2: Geography and Culture	Readiness Standards	6	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	13		
	Total	19		
Reporting Category 3: Government and Citizenship	Readiness Standards	10	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	13		
	Total	23		
Reporting Category 4: Economics, Science, Technology, and Society	Readiness Standards	5	4 or 8*	
	Supporting Standards	9		
	Total	14		
Readiness Standards	Total Number of Standards	36	60%–80%	12–16
Supporting Standards	Total Number of Standards	56	20%–40%	4–8
Total Number of Questions on Test			20	

*Each year one reporting category will consist of eight items and the other three reporting categories will consist of four items. The reporting category with eight items will be rotated each year.